Programme of modernisation of Rajabagan Dockyard with upgraded technology in shiprepairs and ship-building has been undertaken.

In addition, the old and obsolete fleet of the CIWTC is also being scrapped/disposed of in a phased manner to reduce the cost on their maintenance and operation.

Training of Indian Pilots under United Nations Development Programme

1813. SHRI BAIKUNTHANATH SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the United Nations Development iProgramme (UNDP) has approved assistance towards upgrading the facilities for training of plots in India;

(b) if so, what assistance has been sought from UNDP by Government for the above purpose;

(c) what amount has been sanctioned by UNDP for the purpose ; and

(d) what are the details of the training etc. proposed to be imparted in the programme, proposed to be launched with UNDP assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The UNDP has sanctioned a project costing US $ 1,385,580. With UNDP assistance, it is proposed to establish and develop a flying standard unit, training support unit, training aids programme, advanced flying training equipment and develop specialised training material for use in advanced flight simulator training.

Congestion at Railway Stations in Delhi

1814. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the old Delhi and New Delhi Railway Stations are getting increasingly congested day by day ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to remove congestion in these stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At New Delhi Railway Station visitors are being persuaded not to enter the platform unless absolutely necessary and the issue of Platform tickets is also being regulated. Checks at the gates have been intensified. Study is being conducted to reduce congestion on Platforms due to stacking of parcels, etc.

A Master Plan to develop terminal facilities at other locations in Delhi area has been prepared to ease the congestion at existing stations.

Release of funds for road development i A. .

1815. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact tha the Central Government released only Rs 63.33 lakh out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 81